

## MEMORANDUM

To: Students interested in applying for the State Board of Education  
From: Governor James H. Douglas

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My office is beginning the process of appointing a student to the State Board of Education. Vermont is one of the few states with a full voting student member on its State Board of Education. As you know, this is an exciting opportunity for Vermont's young people, and I am writing to ask for your help informing students of our candidate search.

We are looking for secondary students who will graduate in 2010 or later for a two-year term on the Board. During the student member's first year, he or she will be a non-voting member. During the second year, he or she will have voting rights along with the eight other adult members. The term for the student who is chosen will begin on July 1, 2008.

If you are interested just send in the STUDENT APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT application (<http://governor.vermont.gov/boards/vermont-boards.shtml>) and send it in along with the other information required. The deadline for applications to be returned is **Friday May 16, 2008**. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact Marty Searight in my office (802-828-3333).

### **Vermont State Board of Education 16 V.S.A. § 161 Summary**

The Vermont State Board of Education has supervision over, and management of, the Department of Education and the public school system, except as otherwise provided by law.

The Board consists of nine voting members and one non-voting member, all appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. One voting member is a Vermont secondary school student. The non-voting member is a Vermont secondary school student who is a junior member; that junior member will move into the position of the voting student member the following year.

The powers and duties of the Board include making regulations that govern:

- licensing and qualification of all public school personnel;
- attendance and records of attendance of all pupils;
- standards for student performance;
- adult basic education programs;
- approval of independent schools;
- disbursement of funds;
- equal access for all Vermont students to a quality education.

The Vermont State Board of Education meets on the third Tuesday of each month. The meetings may be held at different locations around the state; they generally begin at 9:00 AM and last most of the day. Members receive a \$50 per diem plus expenses.

## STUDENT APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Legal Town of Residence\_\_\_\_\_

Home Mailing Address\_\_\_\_\_

Name of School\_\_\_\_\_

School Address\_\_\_\_\_

School Phone\_\_\_\_\_Home Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Date\_\_\_\_\_

Have you or members of your immediate family ever been employed by federal, state or local government? If yes, please list positions and periods of employment. \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you or members of your immediate family, or businesses, in which you or they have been an owner, officer, or employee, had any contractual or other direct dealings with any government agency during the last four years? If yes, please explain.

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Is anyone in your immediate family employed by a school, school district, or school board?

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Have you ever been arrested, charged with, or indicted for violation of any federal, state, county, or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance (exclude traffic violations for which a fine or civil penalty of \$150 or less was paid). Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_ If yes, please give details.

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Please list jobs, memberships, or extracurricular activities with which you have been involved.

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Can you:      Attend daytime meetings?\_\_\_\_\_

                 Spend time reading materials in preparation for meetings?\_\_\_\_\_

Please list three persons unrelated to you who would support your appointment, ***and attach a letter of recommendation from each***

| <i>Name</i> | <i>Occupation</i> | <i>Address</i> | <i>Phone</i> |
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Is there anything else you would like us to know about you, your background, or your experiences?\_\_\_\_\_

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**Please enclose a writing sample (essay, letter-to-the-editor, etc.), preferably concerning the topic of education, and a copy of your school transcript (or ask your school to forward a copy to us).**

Signed\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

*Please feel free to attach a sheet if not enough space is provided for your answers. Please return this form by **Friday, May 16, 2008**, to Marty Searight, Special Assistant for Boards & Commissions, Office of the Governor, 109 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05609. The telephone number is 802-828-3333. The fax number is 802-828-3339.*